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The Honorable John M. McHugh Chairman, Subcommittee on the Postal Service United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 27, 1998 with respect to submitting comments on the proposed revisions to H.R. 22, the Postal Reform Act of 1997.

The Association is, of course, mostly concerned with the transportation provisions of the Bill and thus will limit our comments as to where our expertise lies and allow others to refer to specific provisions of concern to them.

We concur with the proposed revision to H.R. 22 which contains language that highway contracts will be for four (4) year terms while providing the USPS with the flexibility to contract for longer terms should it so desire.

We are appreciative of the Subcommittee's efforts in making the revision and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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